

Civil Rights and the Colored Man.

Kansas City Times.

The agitation of the colored people over the decision of the supreme court declaring unconstitutional the civil rights bill, will blow over. They are unnecessarily alarmed. They have under the law all the rights that white people have to visit theatres, ride in public conveyances and become guests. There is not a line on any statute book of any state, and not a line at common law that recognizes any distinction between white people and black at such places. On the other hand, the black man's right to damages when equal accommodations with other men are not offered him, are the same as the white man's.

The legislation declared unconstitutional by eight out of the nine judges of the supreme court, was known to be unconstitutional by the republican congress that enacted it, and was never designed to benefit the "colored man." Its patent purpose was to deceive him into the belief that the republican party was his especial friend, and thus to influence his vote. The decision will tend to further open his eyes, and teach him upon what flimsy pretenses he has been so long duped.

Bruce and Douglass who are reported as greatly disturbed by the decision, will modify their views upon further reflection. Cook, the colored collector of taxes at Washington City takes the correct view: "He does not think public sentiment any more antagonistic to the 'colored people than when the law was passed. On the contrary, he thinks it 'has made progress.' He says that 'the standing, morally and socially, of colored men and women, is to be measured by their desire for education and 'mental culture.'"

Cook has struck the key note for the colored race. They must depend upon their own conduct for their elevation. All impediments of the law has been taken out of their way. Their recent loss, if loss it be, was only a piece of class legislation and political lunacy. Its fate in no wise deprives any colored man of any right he had before.

If the colored man is poor, he has his duplicates in white men as poor as he. If he is deprived of social distinctions which he covets, so are dozens of white men to one colored man. If he is not given the choice seats at the theatres or choice rooms at the hotels, his treatment is not unlike that of thousands of his pale faced friends. The prejudice against his color is fast disappearing as the years that found him a savage in Africa and afterward a slave in America, recede. No race ever rose so rapidly from such depths of degradation. No race was ever so favored by law, nor received such untrammelled sympathy. No race of men was ever before taken from slavery and clothed with unrestricted citizenship. The blessings of civilization toward which the white races had struggled for a thousand years, were bestowed as gifts upon the negro race in America, without a single condition or restriction. It will come into their full realization only as they qualify themselves to understand and appreciate it. That party therefore, or that people, that never deceived the negro, that offers him equality, not superiority, before the law, that extends to him the same protection and the same help it gives to the other men, is the colored man's best friend, and that party that has thrust upon him discriminations that he did not need and to which he was not entitled, to deceive him and capture his vote, has been his worst enemy.

The Question of Kansas.

Kansas City Times.

The Missouri Pacific company in Kansas has got to begging and pleading high honesty. It is the way of public plunderers everywhere. They go on piling up stocks and bonds and mortgages upon the industries of the country, then raise the cry, "innocent purchasers." They have taken example from the government. They copy the process that made the national debt double what it should have been. It is the same thing in substance that piled up fraudulent bonds on counties, states and nations.

The Missouri Pacific has been run to ground in Kansas, and as a last resort gets its organs, in the Kansas City press, to say, timidly: "It may be that the road has been 'mismanaged; it may be that its debt is greater than it 'should be, but the debt stands, and 'whoever purchases the road must be 'come obligated to the payment of that 'debt.' It may be, is the sympathetic way of putting it. It is the truth.

The Gould syndicate bought not only the stock, but the bonds of the roads they consolidated and then covered the consolidations with additional mortgages. There are no innocent purchasers about it. The dealers in Missouri Pacifics know their origin. The bonds of the consolidation carry notice upon their face. They were put upon the roads because it was believed that their commerce would bear the levies for their interest. They are now held largely by the men who manufactured them. They demand their 7 per cent interest on their bonds and 7 per cent dividends on their stocks. If it is paid of course the road is exhausted. The commissioners' rates cuts them below their contemplated income, cut down their levies, limit their demand for tribute, thwart their schemes of plunder; and such are the reasons for the outcry.

The commissioners know where the money goes; they know that it is taken from the producers and put in the pocket of the bond and stock waterers. They have undertaken to diminish the volume of the stream one-fourth, to limit the robbery treaty 5 per cent.

Already they have been virulently assailed. The whole pack of hired newspaper agents—subsidized publishers—will yell in unison at the Kansas commissioners. Will they stand firm? That is the question in Kansas now.

Three ladies called the other day and begged the privilege of viewing the printing office towel. The accommodating foreman smiled, laid aside his composing stick, rolled up his sleeves, and gathered up a dark colored object from the corner, which he stood on end in the middle of the floor before the astonished spectators. "Well, goodness gracious," exclaimed No. 1, "I hope you don't call that horrid thing a towel! How in the world do you use it? You surely don't wipe your face with it!" "You see, madam," said the foreman, "a printer has a hard cheek, consequently a towel with considerable body is necessary to get in the work; we often use a brick when a towel is too soft to perform the service." No. 1—"A brick, dear me!" No. 2—"Well of all things!" No. 3—"That's too funny for anything!" The foreman then directed the devil to show the ladies how handy the towel is for splitting kindling wood. He placed a pine box on the floor, seized the towel by one end with both hands, and began the work of destruction. How the splinters did fly, and how the ladies did scream and waltz toward the door. "That'll do," said the foreman. "Gather up the fragments and go to your case. You see, ladies," said he, "this useful and much abused toilet article has in nowise suffered by contact with the box. It has a history besides. It has floored many a vagrant dog, and not a few delinquent subscribers, to say nothing about loafers who pi type and make themselves generally disagreeable. We utilize it for other purposes, too. When coal is short we burn fragments of it. Shall I saw off a section to show you how handsomely it burns?" No. 1—"Have mercy on us!" No. 2—"We have seen enough to satisfy us that it will do anything." No. 3—"I'm sure everyone ought to have a printing office towel. They are just awfully funny." The foreman then stood it on end, climbed to the top and sat, then stood on one foot, besides performing various other feats, after which he rolled it back to its place in the corner, saying that he would be pleased to give some examples of its potency and practical utility, but was pressed for time.

To All Whom It May Concern.

We, the undersigned, members of the Dickinson County Bar, having examined the law, are of the opinion that a woman of legal age, is eligible to the office of Register of Deeds, in any county in this state.

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There have been two or three cases of thieving in the city lately, more or less serious. In one case it was a loaf of bread. In another it was \$40 in money from a house while the family were absent at church. In another it was a pair of pants pulled through the window in the night, containing four or five dollars. No honest thief will do such things. Somebody will probably get shot before long.—*Junction City Union.*

Teacher's Examination

at the Abilene public school building, Saturday, October 27th, commencing at 9 o'clock.
D. D. HORNADAY,
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Notice.

The place of voting for Banner township will be at the Blue School House, District No. 47.
R. A. BROWN, Trustee.

NOTICE.

The place of voting for Union Township will hereafter be held at the school house in School District No. 18.
JAS. McNASRY, Trustee.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between Becker & Cooper has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.
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Ex. Fine all wool suits, worth 22. for 18.
Ex. Fine all wool suits, worth 25. for 20.
English worsted suits, worth 30. for 25.
Custom made suits in fine cassimere and worsted worth \$30 for \$25, worth \$40 for \$30.

YOUTHS SUITS.

From 34 to 37 Size.

Satinet Suits, worth \$6 for \$4.
Satinet Suits, worth 8 for 5.
Union Cassimere suits, worth 10 for 8.
All wool suits, worth 15 for 12.
All wool suits, worth 20 for 18.
English Worsted suits, worth 25 for 20.
English Worsted suits, worth 30 for 25.
25 Custom made Suits in Nobby Goods worth \$35 for \$25.

MEN'S OVERCOATS.

From 37 to 42 Size.

Satinet Overcoats, worth \$4 for \$2.
Satinet Overcoats, worth 8 for 4.
Sat. Doubled Faced Over, worth 10 for 6.
Sat. Doubled Faced Over, worth 12 for 8.
All Wool Cas. Overcoats, worth 15 for 12.
All Wool Cas. Ex. heavy Ov, worth 20 for 15.
All Wool Cas. Ex. heavy Ov, worth 22 for 18.
English Worsted Overcoats, worth 25 for 20.
English Melton Overcoats, worth 30 for 25.
English Beaver Overcoats, worth 40 for 30.

Youths Overcoats.

From 34 to 37 Size.

Satinet Overcoat, worth \$4 for \$2.
Satinet Overcoat, worth 6 for 4.
Satinet double faced Ov, worth 8 for 6.
Satinet double faced Ov, worth 10 for 8.
All wool double faced Ov, worth 12 for 10.
All wool double faced Ov, worth 15 for 12.
Fancy double faced Ov, worth 18 for 15.
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